Dear Parents

I was pleased to be asked to backfill the Principal position at Coromandel Valley Primary School for the first and second term. Chris Bayly and I have worked together in several schools over the last 30 years. Chris and I met with Jonathon Griffiths-Jones (Governing Council Chairperson) prior to the start of term to discuss the schools priorities and ensure a smooth hand over.

I was Principal of Black Forest Primary school for 17 years up till the end of 2007. Since then I have enjoyed 5 years of filling short term vacancies in schools ranging from 1 term to one year. In this time I have been Principal of West Lakes, Mannkindale, Grange, Seacliff, Paringa Park, Marion, Hackham West, Reynella South and Flagstaff Hill where I have been exposed to an incredible range of programmes, leadership styles, witnessed great teachers, been a part of some fantastic student learning and met passionate parents.

Staff, community and students at Coromandel Valley have made me very welcome and I have appreciated their willingness to share in the learning that is occurring.

Happy Parenting

Although there are many variations of “right” ways to parent and your personal family values should be your guide, there are some basic principles that underlie good parenting. With the complexity of our media-driven culture, it is particularly important for families to have an agreed set of rules or understandings to ensure that children are always getting the same message.

Dr Sylvia Rimm is a highly regarded author and speaker on parenting and has 12 top tips for parents that she believes will result in happy, resilient, achieving children. See how many of these you can tick off?

1. Children are more likely to be achievers if their parents are united in the same positive message about school, effort and expectations. Hold education and learning in high regard
2. Children are more likely to learn appropriate behaviour if they have role models to follow.
3. Communication about a child’s inappropriate behaviour by adults where they can hear can dramatically affect their behaviour and self perception.
4. Don’t over react when children are successful or are struggling.
5. Build resilience don’t rescue your child from reality.
6. Children develop confidence through effort. I did well on that test because I learnt for it or I understood the questions
7. Avoid responding to demands that they are the only child at school who doesn’t have something.
8. As children show maturity allow them to have a greater say in what is happening in their lives.
9. If you have an issue with what is happening at school avoid making a comment, make an appointment and resolve the issue.
10. Avoid confrontation with your child and setting unrealistic punishments like you are grounded till you are 16.
11. Children will achieve if they see the link between learning and the desired outcome, enjoy the learning experience with your child.
12. Keep a separate fun time for your children.

PHIL GREAVES
PRINCIPAL

NEW STAFF

This year we have a number of changes in our staff and these include:

Hiro Yamamoto who has joined us to teach Japanese.
Alicia Melbourne who is sharing a Reception class with Leah Osborne.
Kristen Bowden who sharing a year 2 class with Liz Jackson.
Margot Bradley is here again, sharing the year 6/7 class with Liz Black.
Deb Zeuner who has returned to the school in a year 2 class.
Brenda Leysley is here one day a week, working with Michelle O’Connell in a year 1 class.
Tamsar Bellette is also here one day a week, working with Ginny Chalmer in a year 4 class.
Matt Thiele is here one day a week, working with Thyrza Veitch in a year 6/7 class.

GOVERNING COUNCIL

Welcome
On behalf of the Governing Council I would like to welcome everyone to the start of the 2013 school year, and especially those families and staff starting at Coromandel Valley Primary School, or returning after a time away.

Chris Bayly
You should all have received the sad news that Chris Bayly has been diagnosed with cancer and has taken leave. When I saw him in the holidays he looked deceptively fit and healthy but his letter to you all tells a different story. Any good wishes that you want to send to him and Trudy can be sent via the front office. I hope and pray that we see him return to school in full health later this year.
Phil Greaves
As a result of Chris Bayly taking leave Phil Greaves will stand in as Principal for the time being. Phil is a very capable principal with experience in many schools, including down the road at Flagstaff Hill Primary School last year. Please welcome Phil to our school community.

Language B – Japanese
After a few years of planning I’m thrilled that the school is starting the study of Japanese this year. Please welcome Mr Hiro Yamamoto to our school community and I look forward to hearing my own children tackle a new and more relevant language.

Volunteering
Much of what takes place in and around the school depends on parents and caregivers volunteering their time, energy, knowledge and experience to help support, run or kick off a wide range of events and activities. Without your support some of these events just won’t happen, and I assure you that for whatever effort you put in you will receive much more in return by way of the enjoyment of the children and your own satisfaction. Whether it is supporting teachers in the classroom, helping with LAP, coaching a school team for a term, joining one of the various committees for the year or occasionally volunteering in the school canteen (to name but a handful), please try and find some time to support your own children and the school.

2013 Governing Council

After the AGM last year the Governing Council and executive/subcommittee responsibilities are:

Alex Lovat                           Deputy Chair
Andrew Wright                       Canteen
Dawn Treloar                        Parents & Friends
Jonathan Griffith-Jones             Chair, Sports
Kirsten Read                        OSHC
Kirsti Evans                        Secretary
Liz Black                           Asst Principal
Peter Lewis                         Treasurer
Phil Greaves                        Principal
Rob Warncken                       Asst Principal
Bev Tonkin                          Staff Representative

However Governing Council can have up to 15 members, so if you wish to get involved with policy and decision making in the school you would be most welcome. This year we plan to run a second ‘Party Night’ to build on last year’s inaugural event. If you are interested in helping plan and run this without being a full member of Governing Council please get in touch.

Contacting Governing Council
For whatever reason you might want to contact Governing Council please use the following:
Email:                jgjones@tpg.com.au
Phone: 0413 466 818

Good luck in 2013,
Jonathan.

CLASSROOM OPENING TIME

A reminder to all parents that teachers’ classrooms are not open until **8:30am**. This allows teachers time for last minute class preparation.
From time to time, as a parent, you may not be happy about a particular issue. Your first port of call should be to see the relevant teacher, then the line manager of the person and then the principal. If you are still unhappy with the outcome, you are able to contact the Director of South District, Mr Richard Costi. Always remember there is always another side to every issue and I would encourage you to approach every staff member in a calm and courteous manner.

Welcome to the following new students and their families:

Rec Mulkerin: Louis M., Cian H., Joshua O., Claire Z., Elijah L., Hannah B., Keegan F., Hudson R., Alex C., Addisyn J., Erin S., Nicholas W., Kailan V., Kitty H., Kate K., Sabelle A., Joshua C., Darcie T., Scarlett C., Brianna D., Grace O., Isabel S. and Nathanael M.

1 Mueller/Barnes: James M-G., Leila O. & Joshua S-S.

1/2 Tonkin: Harmony W. & Dakoda O.

2 Jackson/Bowden: Toby L.

3/4 Murphy: Eliza S-S.

4 Chalmer: Chei W.

5 Warncken/Taylor: Tinashe M. & Jaxon P.

5 Bryan: Summer L. & Michael M.

6/7 Williams: Josiah M.

6/7 Black/Bradley: Tabitha K.

6/7 Veitch: Ashlee P.

I would like to alert all parents that the Governing Council has clearly indicated to me that there is to be a zero tolerance on unpaid school fees. Debt collectors will be used for any unpaid fees from 2012.

You will also find included with your invoices your child’s ‘Student details for verification by parents form’ which we ask you to complete and return to the class teacher as soon as possible.

It is imperative that you return these forms quickly as this ensures we have correct contact details in case of an emergency.

Absentee slips for parents to use to write notes explaining their child’s absence are available from the front office. Just circle the relevant bits and pass it on to the teacher. Please let us know if these are useful or not.

Please slip the date of Tuesday 12th February in your diary to meet your teachers. A BBQ will start the night at 5.00 and teachers will be in their classes from 6.00pm for junior primary and 6.30pm for years 3 to 7. The staff and I look forward to meeting you. More details on this later.

The front office is open every day from 8:15am until 4:00pm to accept payments and answer queries. We can only accept cash payments in the morning and would appreciate correct money if possible as we keep only a minimum of change of the premises. Credit card payments will be accepted at any time during office hours.

In November of last year the school conducted a poll in accordance with the Education Act of 1972. The result was in favour of the proposed sum for our Materials and Services fee for 2013, therefore the 2013 M & S fee and legally recoverable amount is $325.00.

If you are eligible for School Card please ask for an application from the office and return to me for processing. Eligibility for School Card assistance is dependent upon family gross income for the 2011/2012 financial year.

Invoices for Materials & Services fees, Excursion Levy, yrs 3-7 Dance Fees, yrs 3 – 5 Swimming and year 6/7 Aquatics are all being sent home this week. Please note the payment due date which is different for each invoice. Please note that any excursion or camp fees must be paid in full prior to the excursion. The Excursion Levy must be paid in full at the beginning of the year not prior to individual excursions. We are happy to arrange a payment plan for you if you wish. Forms can be collected from the office.

Other invoices that may be issued during the year will be after school sport fees, camp fees, jump rope fees, pedal prix fees and special events. Unfortunately these can not all be issued at this time. Instrumental music fees are private and payable directly to the tutor.

Invoices can be paid at the office (cash in the morning only and credit card at anytime), by telephone with a credit card or via internet banking. Details for internet banking are available from the office.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need assistance.

Sue Matthews
Business Manager
The school is a “Nut Aware” school. There are a growing number of schools in Adelaide and many others in the State that are “Nut Free Schools”. The policy was implemented because several students at our school have a severe peanut/nut allergy. These students can not be exposed to nuts in ANY form, as this will trigger an anaphylactic reaction – that is a reaction requiring an immediate injection of adrenalin, ambulance attendance and hospitalisation.

This has very serious consequences for our school and in the students’ best interests we made the unanimous decision to ban all peanut/nuts and food containing nuts within the school. The Canteen has also undertaken the change.

Parents and caregivers are requested NOT to send food to school that contains nuts. This includes peanut paste, nutella, all nuts and cooking oil containing peanut oil, as well as food containing nuts.

* This school acknowledges that due to food processing practices, it is impractical to eliminate nuts or nut products entirely from an environment where there is food. Thus “Nut Aware” school.

At Coromandel Valley Primary School all students in Yrs 3-7 are involved in a dance programme which is facilitated by Amy Handley. Dance begins in Week 5 of term 1 and runs through to the end of the year, culminating in a dance extravaganza held at Blackwood High School. Amy works with our students to choreograph dances that are woven together through a common theme. This year the cost for Dance will be $35.00 which allows for 35 weeks of dance lessons and props needed for the performance. Those of you who have witnessed our dance nights will agree this is a very small amount to pay for a high quality programme within our school.

This year the invoice for Dance will be sent home along with the excursion invoice and at the same time as the Materials and Services invoice.

SCHOOL SPORT
Nomination forms have been sent home this week to register your interest for after school sport teams. Please return those forms by Thursday 7th February or you may miss out on a team. We can only field teams if we have a coach for the team so if you as a parent or grandparent are able to assist, your help would be greatly appreciated.

LIZ BLACK & KRISTEN GORDON

BASKETBALL
Games are played at the Blackwood Recreation Centre after school and nights are as follows:

- Monday – 5/6/7 Girls & Yr 7 Boys
- Tuesday – Yr 3
- Wednesday – Yr 4
- Thursday – Yr 6
- Friday – Yr 5

I would like to remind parents that it is a privilege the church allows us to park in their grounds which can be revoked at any time. Please remember the rules;

- Drive anti-clockwise around the church
- DO NOT park against the church wall
- Walking speed only
- Use the school drop and go if this is what you are doing
- DO NOT park in front of the church carpark on the road. This impedes visibility for cars exiting the church.

Remember we do not have a right to park in the church grounds. It would be a real pity if the church locked their gates.

Don’t forget that there are two parking bays north and south of the school from which it is a two minute walk to safely collect your child. We ask that you consider all of these issues when you pick up your child from school. We all wish to keep our children safe when leaving school at the end of the day.

JUMP ROPE DEMONSTRATION TEAM
Try-outs for year 6 and 7 students begin next Tuesday 5th February from 1:00 – 2:15pm in the hall.

If you are interested in being a member of this year’s Jump Rope team make sure you arrive promptly at Tuesday training sessions.

UNIFORM SHOP
PLEASE NOTE OPENING TIMES

MONDAY: 3:00 – 3:45PM
WEDNESDAY: 8:45 – 9:15AM
FRIDAY: 8:15 – 8:45AM

Uniform sales only available at these times.

If you have difficulty getting to the uniform shop during these times, you can send your child, with their order and the money or credit card details to the uniform shop.

Sue Thompson, Uniform Shop Co-Ordinator
Hello and welcome to all the new families starting at Coro this year.

Issue 1 flyers for Book Club will be arriving home with your child in the next week! Twice a term during the school year, book club flyers are sent home with your child offering a huge selection of books. You are under obligation to order, however it is a great way to encourage your children to read.

Also, for every book purchased by parents and staff, the school earns Reward Points which can then be used to purchase new books and resources for the library, or top up existing teaching materials in our classrooms.

Ordering is easy. The order form is on the back of each flyer and is returned with your payment to the front office by the due date. Please remember to print your child’s name, class and contact details clearly so that orders can be returned promptly. Orders usually take a couple of weeks and will come home with your child.

Parents wishing to place orders as gifts (very popular in term 4), please write “Office Pick-Up” on the top of your form and you will be contacted when ready for collection.

Issue 1 orders are due back by FRIDAY FEBRUARY 15TH.

Happy Reading!
Bronwyn Carey-Keane

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SRC PARTY NIGHT PROCEEDS

Quick note to let the SRC and school community know that the Party Night, held on 3 November, 2012, raised $2,305.

Those who attended had a great night and as agreed all profits are to be allocated to the SRC for expenditure around the school as the SRC decides. Spend wisely kids!

Party Night Committee

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HEAD LICE

It is the change of season and we have had several reports of head lice appearing. Please take the time to check your child’s head for lice. If a student is found to have head lice at school they will be sent home immediately and will not be permitted to return until they have been treated. If you do find head lice in your child’s hair, please report it to the school. It’s not just a question of treating the hair - all bedding, family members and anything the child has come into contact with needs to be treated.

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP OUT IN THE CANTYEN?

If so, please contact MEGAN DEHLE on 0400 252 346

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PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL! We hope everyone had a relaxing and fun holiday season.

We would like to welcome all the new students and their families to our school community.

For the parents and caregivers of the new reception students we invite you to the P&F welcome morning tea after assembly on Monday 4th February. Please join us in the meeting room (adjacent the staff room and office) for a cup of tea/coffee, cake and biscuits and a friendly chat.

February - Diary Dates

Parents and Friends Meeting: in week 2 on Tuesday 5th February at 9am in the meeting room (adjacent the staff room). For those not familiar with P&F our role is to work with the school to raise funds for various school supplies and equipment. Anyone wanting to be involved in the school community please feel free to come to one of our meetings. If you wish to contact one of our team for more information please email cvps.pandf@gmail.com.

We would also like to extend our thoughts and best wishes to Chris Bayly and his family at this difficult time.
- The Hall is our nominated Bushfire Ready Building for this site. It will safely accommodate all people on site.
- All children will be evacuated to the Hall if any of the below ‘triggers’ occur:
  1. CFS Information and Warning messages broadcast on the ABC radio indicate a fire is moving toward Coromandel Valley Primary School
  2. The local Emergency Services advise that a bushfire is likely to impact on the site
  3. We are advised that a bushfire is burning in any of the surrounding suburbs
  4. There is a confirmed sighting of nearby flames from the site.
- Practise drills will be carried out twice a term in Terms 1 & 4.
- All families of Coromandel Valley Primary School should have their own Bushfire Action Plan.
- Part of this plan should be that you do not send your child/ren to school if there is a bushfire in the vicinity of the school.
- If your child/ren are at school when a bushfire threatens, staff will be on duty to supervise them safely until parents are given the “all clear” from fire fighting authorities to come back into the area. This could be some time after the normal school finishing time.
- On days of high risk please send your child/ren to school with a water bottle and a small hand towel that can be kept wet. Remember children may be held in the hall for an hour or more.
- You may pick your children up early from school only if it is safe to do so. A yellow release slip will need to be filled out at the Front Office as we need to keep track of every child.
- After the fire front has passed the designated safe pick-up zone will be on the school oval. Access to that area will be via the school and from Frank Smith Reserve.
- The school driveway may not be used because of vegetation which may still be burning. A chain will bar vehicle access by parents while enabling emergency vehicle access only.
- Students will not be released to walk home or leave without a designated adult or parent.
- The Bushfire Hotline is 1300 362 361 or listen to AM 891 /5AN.

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**LAP … (LEARNING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM)**

We are in desperate need of LAP Volunteers.

If you can spare ½ an hour a week to help one of our students with their reading, fine motor skills, etc., your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Please fill in the following details if you are interested in becoming a LAP volunteer and return it to the Front Office for my attention (Kerri Harris):

Name: …………………………………………………………………………………………… Contact No: ……………………………………………

Day/s: ………………………………………………………………………. Time/s: …………………………………………………

Preference for age:    [ ] Junior Primary    [ ] Years 3 – 5    [ ] Years 6 – 7

[ ] Male    [ ] Female

[ ] I would like information on Learning Assistance Program please.

Please return this form to Kerri Harris, Learning Assistance Program Co-ordinator.